

**DOWNTOWN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT  
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 25, 2014  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**Present:** Dilip Bhavnani, Ernie Doizaki, Howard Klein, Matt Klein, Larry Rauch, Mark Shinbane,

**Absent:** Jim Barich, Richard Gardner, Bob Smiland

**STAFF:** Raquel K. Beard, Edward Camarillo, Fred Faustino

**Consultant:** Ken Coelho, RBZ; Estela Lopez, Kindel Gagan; and Don Steier, Guzin & Steier

**Guests:** Andy Bales, Sara Hernandez, SLO Mark Hyland, Sylvia Kavoukjian, Greg Spiegall

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Rauch called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comment.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Bhavnani made a motion to approve the July 23 and October 1 minutes, and Shinbane seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

**IV. CITY UPDATE**

**Mayor's Office:**

Greg Spiegall, Homelessness Policy Director for the Mayor's Office introduced himself and communicated three main goals:

- a. End Veterans homelessness by 2015
- b. End chronic homelessness by 2016
- c. Eliminate long term homelessness (long-term = 5 plus years)

**Spiegel stated that his job is to identify housing citywide, work with the County to match housing with supportive services, and address the in-flow of people coming into Skid Row.**

**CD14:**

**Sara Hernandez, Downtown Director for CD14 reported that homelessness is a priority for CD14. Hernandez provided an update on Operations Healthy Streets (OHS), its challenges and successes. Hernandez reported that she has created an OHS volunteer outreach group, in which Downtown Industrial District BID staff attended. In October 11 people entered into detox/rehab. She also mentioned that \$3.7 million to fund OHS will be allocated going forward.**

**LAPD:**

**SLO Hyland reported that Newton has been busy with protests happening in different parts of Los Angeles. Crime is up overall, but down from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Washington Blvd.**

**V. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Beard and Coelho presented the draft 2015 budget**

- a. Budget- \$2,076,337**
- b. Clean & Safe- \$1,494,963 (46% safe and 26% clean= 72%). Little higher than MDP, but within 5% City of Los Angeles limit.**
  - Increase due to minimum wage increase and the Affordable Care Act. Most prominent in Maintenance**
  - Maintenance - \$2.00 per hour increase (includes \$.50 minimum wage increase and ACA)**
  - \$50,000 increase for the year**
- c. ED&C- \$207,634 (10%)**
- d. Administration- \$249,160 (12%)**
- e. Contingency/Delinquency- \$83,053**
- f. Reserve- \$20,763**
- g. City Fees- 1%**
- h. Tree Trimming- removed line item, will use prior BID funds**
- i. \$39,000 over budget overall, but reserve and contingency should be able to absorb.**
- j. DID 2- \$174,000**
- k. DID 3- anticipate receiving delinquent assessments of approx. (\$52,000)**

## **VI. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**Nominating Committee Chair H. Klein nominated and motioned for Andy Bales CEO of Union Rescue Mission and Sylvia Kavoukjian Owner of Golden State Seafood to serve on the 2015 Board of Directors, and Shinbane seconded. The Board unanimously approved.**

## **VII. OPERATIONS**

### **Report On Maintenance & Security Issues**

**During the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, the BID public safety officers handled a total of 6,161 incidents, and 1,320 extra patrols. Maintenance 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter totals include 13,624 bags of trash collected (204 tons); 72 instances of graffiti removed; 1,329 bulky items removed; and 179 weeded blocks in the District.**

**Beard reported that the CIC has been completely closed out, and the new operator of the CIC, Chrysalis has moved out of the 7<sup>th</sup> Street location and moved to 507 Towne Ave. CCEA was responsible for restoring the warehouse to its original state by tearing down the offices and removal of debris. DID operations have moved into 734 Crocker Street.**

## **VIII. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE**

**Lopez reported the following:**

- a. Monitoring the City's proposed increase to minimum wage**
- b. Planning Study cost- \$49,000, seeking other sources of funding to pay for the plan. AECOM will lead the effort and understands CCE's issues and potential.**
- c. 5<sup>th</sup> & Stanford- former Salvation Army building has a new owner whose plan is to convert the building into micro-units. The owner has engaged Kindel Gagan to determine if there's an appetite for such housing.**

## **IX. NEXT MEETING**

**TBD**

## **X. ADJOURNMENT-11:49am**